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HELSINKI PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES' POSITIVE RESPONSES TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES IN CENTRAL EUROPE; (THE EAST GERMAN) CDU BOARD CONFERENCE INCLUDING 200 CDU-MEMBER PASTORS, CHURCH OFFICIALS AND UNIVERSITY THEOLOGICALS AS WELL AS CDU CHAIRMAN GERALD GOETTING, WHO REJECTED THE RENEWED U.S. ATTEMPT MADE DURING VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH'S RECENT VISIT TO WEST BERLIN TO REACH MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE SOCIALIST CAMP VIA A SO-CALLED ZERO OPTION; AND REPORTS ON PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES IN THE GDR ECONOMY.

THE PAPERS ALSO PROMINENTLY FEATURED A STATEMENT BY THE GDR CENTRAL LEADERSHIP OF ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH BOLIVIA'S EXTRADITION TO FRANCE OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE** WHO HAD FOR MANY YEARS LIVED FREELY IN THE FRG BECAUSE OF "LACKING EVIDENCE" (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ET AL); CARRIED MONDAY'S PRAVDA EDITORIAL HEADED "ON WAR FOOTING WITH FACTS," REJECTING THE U.S. VERSION OF A ZERO OPTION AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG); RAN A NOVOXY COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S RESUMPTION OF THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN MADRID, EMPHASIZING THAT SUCCESS IS "POSSIBLE AND NEEDED" (NEUE ZEIT); AND COMPILED NEWS ON DEFENSE SPENDING AND INCREASING POVERTY IN THE U.S. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE U.S. FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF REAGAN GOVERNMENT -- ALMOST EVERY THIRD DOLLAR FOR ARMS" (BERLINER ZEITUNG).

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